LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that a letter has been received from Shri Korambayil Ahammed Haji that due to heart attack, he is not in a position to undertake journey and is, therefore, unable to attend the House. Shri Haji has, therefore, requested grant of leave of absence from all sittings of the current Session of Rajya Sabha.

Does he have the permission to remain absent from all sittings of the House during the current Session?

(No hon Member dissented)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

RE. DEMAND FOR AN AUTHENTIC VERSION FROM THE MINISTER ON THE ISSUE OF SHARE MARKET SCAM

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU {West Bengal) : Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the House to a procedural matter. In the press, it has appeared that on Friday, it was announced that the terms of reference of the existing Joint Parliamentary Committee which is inquiring into the share market scam would be expanded to include all matters relating to the UTI as well as all the issues raised in the course of the debate in both Houses of Parliament. But, as yet, we have not got any authentic version of the same, either through the Bulletin or through a statement from the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs. We want an authentic version on this issue.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI 0. RAJAGOPAL): Sir, I have discussed this matter with the hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs. He is presently engaged in the Lok Sabha. Immediately after that, he would come over here and explain the position.

REFERENCE TO MASSACRE IN DODA DISTRICT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR - *Contd.*

SHRI ARJUN SINGH (Madhya Pradesh) : Sir, we were all grieved on hearing the news of the killings in Doda. Sir, you gave voice to this grief in the most apt words. Sir, I would like to emphasise that now it appears that Jammu and Kashmir has become a killing field of India. Everytime a